(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the number of licences issued to public and private sectors separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Undr the provisions of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, the following Industrial licences were granted during January—June, 1986 for Uttar Pradesh and Orissa state:—

Total number of industrial licences granted during Jan-June, 1986	Uttar Pradesh	Orissa
	40	5
Of the above licences granted for setting up of new undertakings	19	1
Of the total number o flicences granted, licences issued to :—		
(i) public sector undertakings including State Industrial Development Corpn.	5	2
(ii) private sector undertakings	35	3

Details of all industrial licences issued are being published regularly by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly Newsletter'. Copies of this publication are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly.

Post Offices in Kerala and Tamil Nadu

1206. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of post offices, sub-post offices and head post offices functioning in the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala as on date;

(b) how many new post offices, sub-post offices and head post offices are proposed to be opened during the next three years in these States;

(c) whether there is any proposal to close down any of the existing post offices, sub-post offices, head post offices in either State; if so, what are the details thereof and what criteria have been adopted in this regard;

(d) whether Government have received any memorandum against the closure of these post offices, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government will ensure that no post office, sub-post office, head post office in backward areas is closed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The total number of post offices category wise in Tamil Nadu and Kerala Circles as on 1-5-86 is as follows:

	Tamil Nadu	Kerala
Head Post Offices	92	50
Sub Post Offices	3056	2027
Branch Post Offices	8846	2669
	11,994	4746

(b) There are no firm proposals at this stage for opening of new post offices in Tamil Nadu and Kerala in the next three years. In general terms, it can be said that the existing postal network in these States are adequate to the present requirements.

(c) There are regular procedures under which the cost, revenue and workload of postal establishments are reviewed from time to time with reference to prescribed norms and depending upon the results of reviews decisions are taken by appropriate authorities to reduce or increase the establishment or, in the case of temporary post offices, not to retain a post office. After such reviews it is possible that decisions may be taken not only in Kerala and Tamil Nadu but in other

postal circles also to downgrade or discontinue certain post offices.

(d) Usually when there is a proposal to downgrade or discontinue a post office, concerned members of the public and other interested parties do take up the matter with the concerned postal authorities. Such representations are received from Kerala and Tamil Nadu Circles also. However, since these decisions are normally taken by the field formations (Postal Circles, Postal regions etc.,) such representations sent to the appropriate authorities for careful consideration before final decisions are taken.

(c) The Department does take special care to see that postal facilities are provided in backward areas to an adequate extent. However, the number and status of post offices to be maintained to meet this objective is a matter of establishment detail/norms and is subject to review from time to time according to the standard procedures.

Shortage of industrial alcohol

1207. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are allowing import of industrial alcohol in view of the shortage of this commodity;

(b) if so, what is the quantity and value of the import made so far this year;

(c) whether as reported in the Hindustan Times of 9th July, 1986, it is also a fact that the major alcohol producing distilleries in Uttar Pradesh are either lying closed or utilising less than 25 per cent of their capacity because their storage tanks are already full of alcohol;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the distillaries in Uttar Pradesh are not able to supply alcohol to other States due to the high increase in the export pass fee imposed by the State Government and other restrictions placed on its supply to other States; and

(e) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by the Central Government to persuade the Uttar Pradesh Government to allow export of alcohol to other States wihout such hinderance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) About 900 lakh litres of alcohol (denatured) has been permitted to actual users (industrial) for duty free import during February, 1985 to June, 1986. The information of quantities actually imported and value thereof is not readily available.

(c) and (d) As per the information received from U.P. Government, as against the total allocated quantity of 350 lakh litres so far for the year (Dec., 1985—Nov., 1986) the distilleries in U.P. supplied 36.223 lakh litres of alcohol to other States during the period from 1st December, 1985 to 31st May, 1986.

(e) In order to speed up the lifting of alcohol the Government of U.P. has been requested to reduce the duties.

Setting up of chemical factories

1208. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a maority of chemical factories have ben set up near the big cities and densely populated areas;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to get these factories shifted to some other safer places in view of frequent incidents of leakage of poisonous gas in the past;

(c) what are the names of the factories which are proposed to be shifted from Delhi and to which are the places these factories are likely to be shifted to; and